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ART AND LANGUAGE ART CONTEST DEADLINE APPROACHING

Students who wish to participate in the annual Environmental Awareness Art and Language Arts Contest hosted by the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission and sponsored by the Alcoa Foundation.

This year's theme is "Biodiversity in Our World."

Louisiana students ages 5-18 are invited to submit visual or written work centered around the theme. Entries will be judged; winners will receive a cash prize and be featured in our 2016 calendar.

The categories for each entry type are:

Group 1: Contestants ages 5-7

Group 2: Contestants ages 8-10

Group 3: Contestants ages 11-13

Group 4: Contestants ages 14-18

Entries are due by April 25, 2015. Winners only will be notified by email no later than Friday, May 15, 2015. The list of winners for all categories will be posted on the LEEC website.

Prizes awarded to winners in each category:

First Place: \$200

Second Place: \$100

Third Place: \$75



Download the entry form at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisianas-environmental-awareness-student-art-language-arts-contest#book-navigation-32500>

Find more information on our webpage: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisianas-environmental-awareness-student-art-language-arts-contest>



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

CRCL HOSTS PARTY FOR THE COAST

CRCL invites the public to join them on March 22, 2015 for "Party for the Coast" at The Varsity Theatre in Baton Rouge!

Come celebrate all that we love about the coast while supporting the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana. All proceeds from the event benefit our mission of restoring and protecting the coast!

Find more information on the event page <http://crcl.org/events/party-for-the-coast.html>.

\$25 per ticket. Purchase tickets at <http://www.ticketweb.com/t3/sale/SaleEventDetail?dispatch=loadSelectionData&eventId=5689455&pl=varsity>

NOMINATE A YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL HERO FOR A \$5,000 BARRON PRIZE!

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes invites nominations for its 2015 awards. The Barron Prize celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our environment. Each year, fifteen winners each receive a \$5,000 cash award to support their service work or higher education. Half of each year's winners are chosen for their work to protect the environment. Annual nomination deadline is April 15. For more information and to access our online application, visit <http://www.barronprize.org/>

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NEW GREEN SCHOOL AND STUDENT/CITIZEN SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP SET TO REACH THOUSANDS OF U.S. SCHOOL

NWF Eco Schools USA is a comprehensive school greening program aimed at helping K-12 schools to decrease the environmental footprints of their buildings and facilities, make their school grounds greener with gardens and outdoor classrooms and integrate environmental education into the school's overall education programming. There are 3,150 schools enrolled in the NWF's U.S. program and 50,000 Eco Schools globally.

The GLOBE program is a comprehensive, NASA supported, environmental science and measurement program operating in 18,000 U.S. schools (27,000 globally) that teaches students basic environmental monitoring and measurement skills as part of their curriculum. In teachers students how to do environmental and earth science. In 2013-2014 U.S. students recorded nearly 80 million measurements including an important climate change monitoring protocol.

Find out more at <http://www.nwf.org/eco-schools-usa.aspx>.

CHECK OUT SCIENCEBUDDIES.ORG FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PROJECTS

Featuring dozens of projects in beginner, intermediate and advanced categories, <http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/Intro-Environmental-Science.shtml> is a free resource for teachers and students looking for inspiration for their next science fair or school project. Beginners can [learn to make species maps](#) or [find out about fertilizer](#), while older students can study [electronic pollution](#), [household water usage](#) or choose from other intriguing subjects.

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